

More than \$60,000 will support first responders as region recovers from the latest storm

Ocean County - Congressman John Adler today announced \$61,560 in federal grant funds for the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company. The grant is intended to support the recruitment and retention of firefighters, through additional resources and training.

"Our first responders put their lives on the line every day. They train year round to remain prepared for emergencies and to keep our families safe," Congressman Adler said. "Our firefighters and taxpayers deserve to get their fair share of federal resources."

"This funding will make a big difference in the training and resources available to our local firefighters," said Jay Sonnenfeld, president of the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company. "I thank Congressman Adler for helping to secure these funds and for supporting the brave men and women who keep our communities safe."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that our communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He also voted to pass the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.